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Meeting Notice

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Council to discuss environmental health disparities

Thursday, December 8, Department of Health Town Center 2 Building, Tumwater

At its meeting Thursday in Tumwater, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will hear about the work of its environmental exposures and hazards advisory committee. The council's agenda also includes an update on activities to implement the Affordable Care Act and a presentation on a cultural competence policy at the Department of Social and Health Services.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial/ethnic groups in Washington are well documented.

The council meets Thursday, December 8, from 1 to 4:15 p.m. at the Department of Health, Town Center 2 Building, Room 158, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater. The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide comments at 3:30 p.m.

More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council website](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov)

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